



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

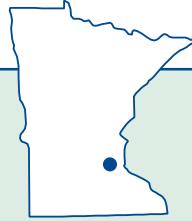
Minneapolis, MN

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Minneapolis was selected to receive two brownfields cleanup grants. Located in southeastern Minnesota, Minneapolis (population 382,618) is focusing its brownfields efforts on the Near Northside community, a community within a federally designated Empowerment Zone. In this diverse neighborhood, 38 percent of residents live below the poverty level, and 82 percent of residents are African-American, Latino, or Hmong. The two target properties lie within the Near Northside community. This will be the location of the proposed Van White Memorial Boulevard. The proposed boulevard will be a parkway-style greenway that links residential areas to the amenities of downtown and South Minneapolis. Cleanup of the Scrap Metal Processors and Special School District #1 sites will enable construction of the boulevard and encour-



Cleanup Grants

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\$200,000 for hazardous substances
\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Minneapolis for two brownfields cleanup grants. Grant funds will be used to clean up the former Scrap Metal Processors site at 1129 2nd Avenue North. The former box factory and scrap metal recycling facility is contaminated with metals, volatile organic compounds, and polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons. Funds also will be used to clean up the Special School District #1 site at 1001 2nd Avenue North. The site is a former school transportation center that contains up to ten above-ground storage tanks and is contaminated with petroleum products. Funds from both grants will be used for cleanup planning and community outreach activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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Grant Recipient: City of Minneapolis, MN

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age the redevelopment of brownfields for commercial and industrial purposes. This redevelopment will create jobs, increase the city's property tax base, and reduce potential threats to human health and the environment.